

ITW

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**Douglas Boyles et al**

Serial No.: 10/602,898

Filed: **June 24, 2003**

Confirmation No. 4766



§

§ Group Art Unit: 1638

§

§ Examiner: **Stuart F. Baum**

§

§ Atty. Dkt. No.: 11899.0251.NPUS00

§

§ Client File No.: 38-26(54028)B

For: **METHODS FOR IMPROVING PLANT  
AGRONOMICAL TRAITS BY ALTERING  
THE EXPRESSION OR ACTIVITY OF  
PLANT G-PROTEIN ALPHA AND BETA  
SUBUNITS**

§

§

§

§

§

§

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING  
37 C.F.R. 1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date below:

11/28/05  
Date

*[Signature]*  
Jue Morris

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for a four-month extension of time to and including November 29, 2005, in which to file a response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$1,590 fee, which is the process fee for a four-month extension of time, and any other required fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11899.0251.NPUS00.

Customer No. 45607  
HOWREY LLP

713-787-1438 (tel)  
713-787-1440 (fax)

Date: November 28, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

*[Signature]*  
Rudeina A. Baasiri, Ph.D.  
Reg. No. 47,398  
Agent for Assignee  
MONSANTO COMPANY